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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
INFO: CIRCUIT-X, BEIRUT, TEL AVIV, CAIROFROM : Embassy, AMMAN  
SUBJECT: Note on Emile Ghoury of the Arab Higher Committee

REF : Embassy's A-429, April 15, 1966

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Jamil KA'WAR (protective source), retired Jordan Arab Army Colonel and a well-informed source on local political developments, told the reporting officer April 30 that he had just received a long visit from Philip KHURI, Secretary General of King HUSSEIN's Arab Higher Committee who has been living near Jerusalem for several months. According to Ka'war, Ghoury told him that King HUSSEIN personally had urged him to take up residence in the Jerusalem area, and was now even paying his house rent.

Ka'war stated with conviction that Hajj Amin had now given up his long-cherished dream of reconstituting Palestine and was prepared, unlike the Palestine Liberation Organization, to negotiate a settlement with Israel on the basis of a return to the 1948 Partition Resolution boundaries. Ka'war asked when the U.S. Government was going to see the light and begin supporting the Arab Higher Committee financially. The reporting officer said he didn't think this was in the cards in the foreseeable future.

COMMENT: We have long believed it likely that King Hussein would eventually decide to support the Higher Committee as a conservative counter-balancing force to the more extremist PLO. However, this is the first definite indication from an overt source believed to be reliable that Hussein has, in fact, been recently providing at least a small measure of covert financial support to the Higher Committee's Jerusalem representative. In return, according to CIA sources, Hajj Amin is providing the King with intelligence on Palestinian activities.

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